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## **News Release**

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## Statement from Lt. Governor's Office

**JEFFERSON CITY** – Rich AuBuchon, chief of staff for Lt. Governor Peter Kinder today released the following statement:

"Yesterday afternoon, I learned Jerry Dowell helped organize a fundraiser for a candidate for state representative. In doing so, he inadvertently sent an invitation from an email account associated with the Tour of Missouri of which he currently serves as the executive director. The email was sent during his lunch hour in what appears to be a genuine mistake.

"While I believe this is an honest mistake, this is one that I will not tolerate. Therefore, Jerry has been placed on unpaid leave for five days effective as of 8:00 a.m. today."

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